

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ALTON.

Council Offices,
Alton, Hants.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for 1941.

MILITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

- Water. Samples from the well and services in different parts of the town all proved satisfactory. Chlorination is continued.
- Housing. Three defective houses were reconditioned by the owners after notice.
- Milk. Inspection of dairies and cowsheds are regularly carried out.
- Meat. The two official slaughter-houses were kept under observation and were satisfactorily managed. A considerable amount of food was condemned as unfit for human consumption.
- Rat Destruction. Help and advice have been given.
- Bed Bugs. Action was necessary in one case.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

- Influenza. An epidemic of considerable importance occurred in the early months.
- Pneumonia. Fourteen cases notified.
- Scarlet Fever. Thirty cases.
- Diphtheria. Two cases.
- Tuberculosis. Twelve new cases.
- Cerebrospinal Fever and Anthrax. One case each.
- Anterior Poliomyelitis. Three cases.
- Measles. An epidemic in the early part of the year gave a total of 328 cases with 3 deaths.
- Whooping Cough also developed a serious prevalence, 110 cases being notified.

A graph is appended showing the rise and fall of these two diseases.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION was successfully carried on, the number completed being 251, of these 85 were pre-school age and 166 school age.

- VITAL STATISTICS. Total Deaths - 47 males and 61 females. The principal causes of death were (1) Myocardial Degeneration and allied conditions with a total of 61 and (2) Cancer with a total of 16. These figures are naturally high as the population contains a high proportion of aged people. Other causes were :-
- Infants. Three deaths from natural causes, two from asphyxia and two premature.
- War Casualties Six.
- Tuberculosis. One each pulmonary and non-pulmonary.
- Pneumonia. Two.

BIRTHS. A total of 206 (101 Boys and 105 girls) was registered.

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient Servant.

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5th May, 1942.

GRAPH OF MEASLES & WHOOPING COUGH IN 1941.



BLACK - Measles.

RED - Whooping Cough.
